

U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 10/621,897
Docket No. 056754/0119588
Amendment and response to 4/3/2006 Office Action

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. In the Office Action mailed April 3, 2006, the Examiner has required that the Applicants elect one of eight patentably distinct claim groups:

- Group I (Claim 1);
- Group II (Claims 2-11);
- Group III (Claim 12);
- Group IV (Claim 13);
- Group V (Claim 14);
- Group VI (Claim 15);
- Group VII (Claims 16-21); and
- Group VIII (Claim 22).

I. Election

As required under 35 U.S.C. 121, the Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group II (claims 2-11) on the merits.

II. Amendment to Specification

The Specification has been amended to list the Application Serial Number of a co-pending application referred to in the Specification. No new matter is added by this amendment. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

III. Confirmation of Previously Submitted Change of Correspondence Address

Since the issuance of the Office Action to which this Response is made, the correspondence address for this application has been changed to the address shown below. Please direct further communications to the new address.

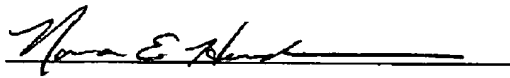
IV. Conclusion

Group II has been elected for prosecution on the merits. The Specification has been amended to include the Serial Number of a co-pending application. Should there remain any unresolved issues, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Norma E. Henderson,

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Applicant's Attorney, at 603-437-4400, so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,



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